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## CLAIMS:

1. A method of presenting results of searching a document (200, 300), the search result comprising a hit in the document, wherein the method comprises the steps of:
  - (130, 140) presenting at least one hit (230, 240) in a part of the document (210, 310) displayed on a screen, and
  - 5 - (180, 190) subsequently presenting at least one further hit (230, 240) in a further part of the document (220, 320) displayed on the same screen, at least one further hit (230, 240) not being comprised in said part of the document (210, 310) which has been displayed.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the further part of the document excludes search results which have been presented.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said document is one of an electronic text document (200, 300), a data structure, video or audio information.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the document is presented page-wise, and the part of the document corresponds to a page entirely displayable on the screen.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the hits are visually marked on the screen.
- 20 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of replacing an element of the document corresponding to a particular hit presented on the screen, or a step of replacing simultaneously all elements of the document corresponding to all hits presented on the screen.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of aligning the presentation of the hits upward, downward, left or right to allow a maximum number of hits to be simultaneously shown on the screen.

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8. The method of claim 1, wherein at least two search queries are obtained for searching the document, and the parts of the document to be displayed are correspondingly selected to present search results for one or more of the search queries.

- 5 9. An apparatus (400) for presenting results of searching a document (200, 300), the search results comprising at least one hit in the document, wherein the apparatus comprises a display means (440) coupled to a processor (410) for enabling the apparatus:
- to present search results (230, 240) in a part of the document (210, 310) displayed on a screen, and
  - 10 - subsequently to present at least one further hit (230, 240) in a further part of the document displayed on the same screen, wherein the further part of the document (220, 320) excludes the search results which have been presented, at least one further hit (230, 240) not being comprised in said part of the document (210, 310) which has been displayed.
- 15 10. A consumer electronics product being one of a TV set, a home cinema system, a portable video player, a remote control unit or a mobile phone, the product comprising an apparatus as claimed in claim 9.
11. A computer program product enabling a programmable device, when
- 20 executing said computer program product, to function as the apparatus as defined in claim 9.